

**What an exciting time for the United States! The inauguration of a new president is the perfect example of what this government is all about! People vote in an election to determine the country's leader. When the results are in, the new president takes over from the old president—it is a peaceful transfer of power from one person to another. That is not always how it has happened in other countries over the years.**

**Whether you are here in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama, or whether you are home, watching on television, these activities will help you learn about previous presidential inaugurations. You will see how your national parks help to tell the stories of presidents and how you can experience so much by visiting your national parks!**



# Unscramble the mixed up inaugural parade facts:

This band played at inaugurations since Jefferson's 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1805.

NRAEIM

African Americans first marched in this president's 2<sup>nd</sup> inaugural parade.

ONLNCIN

This president walked the entire parade route in 1977.

RTCAER

Avenue where parade takes place in DC

ALNISPVYNANE



Calvin Coolidge's 1925 parade.  
From the Library of Congress

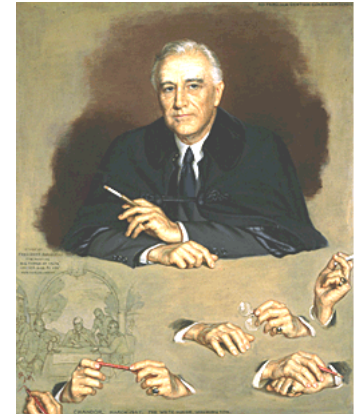
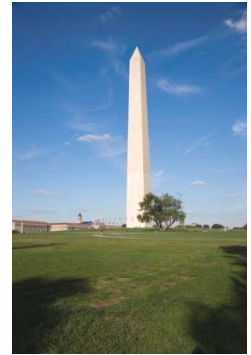
First president to ride both ways , from White House to Capitol, in a car  
DARGIHN

This president had the largest parade, in 1953, which included horses and elephants!

NSEOERWIEH

The first time women participated in the parade was this president's second inaugural.  
SNLWIO

**Memorials are one way to remember presidents. Another way is to put presidents on the money we use. Draw a line from the presidents to their memorial on the National Mall and then to the money they appear on.**



# Inaugurations and the National Parks

The inauguration is a special event, when a new president begins his term in office. National Parks are special places where visitors experience natural and cultural wonders. In some cases, inaugurations have happened in places that are protected today by the National Park Service. See if you can identify these national parks that recognize presidential inaugurations. Bonus: Identify the president inaugurated there!



## National Parks

President's Park

Federal Hall

Theodore Roosevelt  
Inaugural National  
Historic Site

Independence  
National Historical  
Park

